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SUBJECT: US-USSR OCEANS AGREEMENT: POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT UNDER
WORKING GROUP (06.0504).

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1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH METAL'NIKOV TO URGE THAT SOVIETS RECONSIDER
POSTPONEMENT OF TURNER AND NELSON'S VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK.
METAL'NIKOV, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO MOSCOW FROM LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, WAS UNAWARE OF THE DETAILS OF
THE VISIT. HE WILL CONTACT DR ZHIRMUNSKIY THE SOVIET HOST
FOR TURNER AND NELSON'S VISIT, AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH
EMBASSY. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HAVE FURTHER INFO.

2. WE NOTE THAT VLADIVOSTOK, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET, IS A CITY NORMALLY CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS.
SOVIETS WOULD GENERALLY BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN ALLOWING
FOREIGN VISITS TO THIS CITY, ALTHOUGH SCIENTIFIC
EXCHANGE VISITORS USUALLY ARE PERMITTED EASIER
ACCESS TO CLOSED AREAS THAN ARE OTHER FOREIGNERS. (AN AIR
POLLUTION DELEGATION UNDER THE US-USSR AENERGY AGREEMENT
RECENTLY VISITED THE CLOSED CITY OF SVERDLOVSK. IN JUNE,
HOWEVER, AN EMBASSY OFFICER WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO
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TRANSIT VALDIVOSTOK IN ORDER TO MEET COAST GUARD VESSEL
VISITING NAKHODKA)

3. EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE TURNER/NELSON
VISIT. REQUEST FOR LAST-MINUTE EMBASSY INTERVENTION IN
PROBLEM CASES POINTED OUT NEED TO KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT DETAILS
OF ALL VISITS. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING

COPIES OF ALL TELEX MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN OCEANS
AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES, AS WE DO IN OTHER
US-USSR SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WHERE A DIRECT
TELEX LINK EXISTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND BACKGROUND ABOUT TURNER/NELSON
VISIT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, SO THAT WE MAY PASS IT ON TO METAL'NIKOV
ASAP.
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